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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.) in the chair.

Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar and Messrs. P. Govinda Menon. C. N. Ittiravi Namboodiri and P. E. Warne were absent.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. President: I will ask the Secretary to answer the questions on behalf of the Transferred Departments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I rise on a point of order. Is there a Minister for Public Health today?

Mr. President: I have just said that I ask the Secretary to answer questions on behalf of the Transferred Departments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then this Printing may be corrected Sir.

Mr. President: I have seen it corrected on record.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Our books contain otherwise.

FISHERY SCHEME

218. Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how far the Cochin Fishery scheme has advanced as far as Deep-sea, back-water and fresh water fishing are concerned;

(*b*) do the Government intend to follow in Cochin the scheme suggested by Dr. C. C. John for Travancore?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):*

(*a*) In regard to *deep-sea fishing* 12 men in 3 boats were engaged for shark fishing with hook and line and havepoons. A set of drift net was also worked with five men. More of line and drift nets will be operated in 1122.

One of the candidates trained in the Marine Fisheries Course of training at Madras was put in charge of the deep-sea fishing work from the second quarter of 1121.

Two motor fishing vessels have been recently purchased by Government for use in connection with the development of deep-sea fishing.

(*ii*) *Back water fishing*: About six more acres in the Narakkal Fish Farm were rendered deep for fish stocking, thereby increasing the extent of the Fish Farm at Narakkal from six to twelve acres. An area of about 27 acres at Nayarambalam has been enclosed as preliminary to fish culture. Action is being taken for conducting experiments with fertilisers in regard to pisciculture. Provision has been made in the budget for 1122 for converting into a fish farm an extent of about 70 acres of the accretion of poramboke land in Malipuram and Narakkal.

In Medam 1121, one of the candidates trained in the Marine Fisheries Course was appointed as Inspector to be in charge of pisciculture in back-waters.

(*iii*) *Fresh water:* A candidate deputed for training in Fresh-water Fisheries Course at Calcutta was appointed as Inspector of Fisheries for fresh-water pisciculture in Meenam 1121. He is investigating the possibility of fresh-water fisheries development in the State.

(*b*) Government have an idea to participate along with the Governments of India and Travancore in the schemes relating to fisheries research prepared by Dr. C. C. John. The matter is under correspondence. For development of the State fisheries. Government have drawn up and are pursuing schemes of their own.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* With reference to (a) I would like to know whether a good catch of such fish has been effected.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* In proper seasons we get a good catch. It is not so in all the seasons.

Mr. P. Sankara Menon *(Trichur-North):* May we know the extent of the catch.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The extent of the catch varies. It is not possible to say the extent.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്ബ്: എത്ര ഉറപ്പിക്കുക മത്സ്യം പിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടാകും?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It was not meant for making money. It was for training the people. So the question of making money out of the catch does not arise.

Mr. P. Sankara Menon *(Trichur-North):* Who are these candidates?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* They are fishermen from this locality.

Mr. P. Sankara Menon *(Trichur-North):* May we know their names?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* They are all fishermen from this locality.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്ബ്: ഞാറക്കൽ പ്രദേശത്തു മാത്രമാണോ Fish farm കൊടുത്തതു?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* For the present only from Narakkal.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്ബ്: കണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽപ്പെട്ട മുണ്ടംവേലി, താമരശ്ശേരി, കമ്പളങ്ങി, ചെല്ലാനം മുതലായ വില്ലേജുകളിൽ മത്സ്യംപിടിക്കുന്ന എത്ര ആളുകളുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവൺമെന്റിനു് അറിയാമോ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. There is an idea of constructing a fish curing yard in this place. The land has been acquired. In the year 1122 you will see the yard constructed.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Is shark fishing carried on in various places?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I have no idea of it.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* It is stated that two motor fishing vessels have been recently purchased by Government. Will the Government please let me know whether they are in a position to get persons to handle these crafts properly?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There will be advertisements calling for applications. After all we want only one Engineer and syrang. It is not a difficult task to get them.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* Do you want an expert Engineer?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* We do not want such an expert engineer. It is only a small vessel.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Was there not deep sea fishing even before this? Is there any difference between the old method and the new one?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is some difference. According to the present method a number of boats go together and the method of using the weapons is also an improved one. The weapons are used with the object of getting bigger sharks.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്ബ്: എത്ര കിട്ട യിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I cannot give the number but we have got more than 2,000 lbs of oil from this source.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* As far as the backwater fishing is concerned I would like to know whether all the fish reared in these areas are brought in directly from the farm to the market?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* This fish farm is not an accomplished fact. It is only an idea of converting these areas into fish farms. This area between Narakkal and Malippuram is to be converted into a fish farm. There in one farm in Narakkal at present which was 8 acres in the beginning. Now we have 12 acres. It will become 16 acres next year. The fish that is got there is sold.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* To whom, Sir.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Whomever that wants?

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* May I know whether there is any intention to start a factory to extract oil from the shark that is caught?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* If we get a sufficiently large catch to justify the starting of a factory the matter will then be considered. That will depend upon how the two vessels that we have purchased will help us in that direction.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഫിഷിംഗിനുവേണ്ടി മുമ്പുപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്ന ബോട്ടിനും മറ്റുപകരണങ്ങൾക്കും വല്ലമാറ്റം വരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The boats that were used are sought to be changed and a better type of boats are sought to be made and used for this purpose. They are being given timber at very low rates and so far as nets are concerned, the yarns are of superior type and we give them also at concession rates.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will the Government be pleased to state, what are the sources for fresh water fishing in Cochin State?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* A survey is being made by this gentleman who was sent to Calcutta for training. He has gone first to the Mukundapuram Taluk and he has gone to Chalakkudy where he is camping now. He has inspected a number of small lakes, what we call in Chittur Taluk Eries, that is big tanks that are being used for irrigation purposes, and he has reported that in two or three places people have been very anxious to see that pysciculture is started in those places. Small fish which are used for rearing purposes will be found and the people will be given the necessary facilities and instructions for starting the culture of this fish. After that he will go to every taluk and conduct survey about the possibilities of pysiculture in each Taluk and make a report.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: Deep Sea-fishing—നു പോകുന്ന തൊഴുകാരു പത്തു പന്ത്രണ്ടുദിവസം കടലിൽ സഞ്ചരിക്കേണ്ടതായി വരാറുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That has not been experienced at any rate in these places. Here they go and come back the very same day.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അങ്ങിനെ താമസിക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്ന സമ്പ്രദായം മറ്റു രാജ്യങ്ങളിലില്ലേ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I have read in papers that in other places they go and stay for 10 and 12 days. They take the necessary food along with them, catch the fish and return. That is the subsequent stage of the development in deep sea-fishing.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇത്തരത്തിലുള്ള മത്സ്യംപിടുത്ത സമ്പ്രദായം നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിൽ നടപ്പിൽവരുത്തുക പരിതസ്ഥിതി ഉണ്ടെന്നു് ട്രെയിനിംഗ് കഴിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള തൊഴുകാരുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No. There is a great difference between what is understood by the training that is given to these people and what is necessary for this purpose. What is actually necessary for this purpose has been told to us by the Fishery expert to the Government of India. Dr. Binni Prasad who has stated that the seas from one end to the other have to be surveyed by persons who are trained in that art. That is a task which small Governments like Cochin and Travancore may not be able to take up. The Government of India had at that time, it probably has it now also, an idea of conducting a survey and after that survey is over, we will be furnished, with sketches and maps, a copy of that report. If we see that there are possibilities of getting fish then we can go a distance of 10 or 12 miles. If there is such a possibility, of course, that thing will be taken into consideration, consistent with the economic out-turn of such an undertaking.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* May I know whether Government have got in their posssession, a copy of the report prepared by Dr. C. C. John?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not a question of report; it is a scheme submitted to the three Governments, the Government of India, Cochin and Travancore, with the idea of conducting research in fishing.

TEXTILE AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL WORKS—SKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS

219. Mrs. K. M. R. Menon *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of skilled and unskilled women workers in the factories (textile and other industrial concerns) in the State;

(*b*) whether there is any difference in the rate of wages of female and male workers employed in the same kind of work;

(*c*) whether any special concessions in the matter of leave privileges such as are necessary monthly for women workers, are allowed;

(*d*) whether the Government have considered any scheme whereby creches are established in industrial undertakings where female labour is employed?

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